



## North Newton, Kansas

The Board of Directors of Bethel College in Kansas announces the search for a new President and invites expressions of interest in this unique opportunity for leadership at the oldest Mennonite undergraduate liberal arts institution of higher education. Bethel College enrolls approximately 500 students each year in a strong liberal arts curriculum and several professional programs that prepare students for the world of work and graduate education. The institution, located in North Newton, enjoys excellent rankings in Kansas and nationally for its academic program. Founded in 1887, with an independent charter, the college has served with distinction throughout its existence.

Bethel College has a 90-acre campus with excellent facilities that provide for additional growth beyond its current enrollment. It is located 35 minutes from Wichita, the largest city in Kansas, and has easy access to highway I-135. The college operates on a budget of approximately \$10m and has an endowment of \$14m. The student body comprises primarily Kansas residents, and enjoys diversity in religious backgrounds, race, and international experience. Male and female enrollment is fairly balanced and a large majority of the students reside on campus. The college offers intercollegiate sports for men and women and has competitive facilities within the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and NAIA Division II programs. The town of Newton, adjacent to North Newton, has a population of 18,000 and historically served as a railroad hub for western traffic.

The Science programs at Bethel College are recognized nationally. The college is ranked in the top 100 colleges in the country for the percentage of bachelor degree students who continue their education and earn doctorate degrees. The college has several affiliated institutions including Kauffman Museum, Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) and Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts (BCAPA).

The Search Committee is seeking a distinguished leader who is committed to small, personalized, church-related college education offered in a caring environment. The next president should have an informed commitment to the ideals of liberal education based in the tradition of Bethel's Mennonite heritage. Collegiality and integrity in decision-making are expected at all levels of interaction with the Board, faculty, staff, students and community.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to review the Presidential Search Profile which is posted on the Web site of the college, [www.Bethelks.edu](http://www.Bethelks.edu) and at [www.academic-search.com](http://www.academic-search.com).

Application instructions are provided in the Presidential Search Profile. All materials should be submitted electronically to [Bethelks@academic-search.com](mailto:Bethelks@academic-search.com) and addressed to the Search Committee Chairman, Ray Penner. Although applications will be accepted until the time that a new president is selected, candidates should plan to submit materials by April 15 for the most favorable consideration.

Dr. James A. Davis is assisting with this search. Nominations and expressions of interest will be treated in confidence and can also be directed to:

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